should be taken forthwith, and not *tnfuturo* , and that some should be instantly repealed, some suspended, and none put into execution but such as should first have a trial according to the law for the good of the people Against the abuses her wrath was so incensed that she said that she neither could nor would suffer such to escape with impunity And this was the message he had been commanded to deliver

After a little pause and silent tailing one with another, Mr. Secretary Cecil stood and spoke to the same effect, declaring that there are no patents now of force which shall not be re-voked , <for what patent soever is granted, there shall be left to the overthrow of the patent a liberty agreeable to the kw There is no patent if it be *malum in se,* but the Queen was ill advised in her grant But all to the generality be unacceptable. I take it there is no patent whereof the execution hath not been injurious Would that they had never been granted I hope there shall never be more[9]

To which all the House said, * Amen *

Then went he on to declare, * The notice of this is now public and you will perhaps judge this to be a tale to serve the time But I would have all men know this much, that it is no jesting with a Court of Parhament, neither dares any man (for my part I dare not) so mock and abuse all the states of this Kingdom in a matter of this consequence and importance I say therefore there shall be a Proclamation general throughout the Realm to notify her Majesty's resolution in this behalf And because you may eat your meat more savourly than you have done, every man shall have salt as good cheap as he can either buy it or make it, freely without danger of that patent * And so on of the rest

* Then/ said he, * must I needs give you this for a future

caution, that whatsoever is subject to public expectation cannot
be good, while the Parliament matters are ordinary talk m the
street I have heard myself, being in my coach, these words
spoken aloud, " God prosper those that further the overthrow
of the monopolies, God send the prerogative touch not our
liberties " I will not wrong any so much as to imagine he was
of this assembly Yet let me give you this note, that the time
was never more apt to disorder and to make ill interpretation of
good meaning I thmlr those persons would be glad that all